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**FOR** 

VECTORS DERIVED FROM BACULOVIRUS AND USE FOR

TRANSFERRING NUCLEIC ACIDS INTO NERVE CELLS OF

**VERTEBRATES** 

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 4, please insert the following:

### --PRIORITY CLAIM

This application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 filing of PCT Application number

PCT/FR99/01813 filed on July 23, 1999, which claims the benefit of French